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Forest announces open recreation sites for 2013 season; Asks public to help keep forest clean

SANTA FE, NM; May 10, 2013 – Forest recreation specialists are currently busy preparing 54 campgrounds, trail heads and picnic areas for the summer season across the Santa Fe National Forest.

Hazard tree inspections, drinking water sampling, and general maintenance to facilities brought on by winter snow are being accomplished so that visitors can once again enjoy their national forests.

However, there will be a reduction in services at some sites. Generally at sites where services are reduced there will be no trash collection, no restrooms available, no drinking water, and fewer patrols for maintenance and visitor contacts. In certain areas, no parking will be provided at these sites. This will require the public to be even more vigilant in keeping the forest clean this year.

“We want the public to continue visiting the Santa Fe National Forest, but to be aware of a few changes this year,” said Bruce Hill, spokesperson for the Santa Fe National Forest. “By implementing these steps, we can continue to provide affordable services at our high-use recreation sites. But we need the public’s help to keep sites clean forest-wide by asking visitors to take out what they bring in, also known as Pack It In – Pack It Out.”

During the process, Forest staff made sure different types of recreation opportunities would be provided and geographically distributed throughout the forest. The Forest Service encourages the public to visit sites with full amenities, and consider visiting the forest during the week to help reduce the potential for increased weekend traffic, especially in areas like Jemez and Pecos Districts.

For further information visit the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/santafe, or contact the Santa Fe National Forest at (505) 438-5300.

Sites with existing services and where visitation is encouraged is listed below:

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Coyote Ranger District:

Coyote Canyon Camping
Area Campground
Resumidero Campground
Rio Chama Campground
Rio Chama Group
Campground
Rio Puerco Campground
Whirlpool Disperse
Campground
Rio Puerco Trailhead
Big Eddy Take-out
Chavez Canyon Put-in

Cuba Ranger District:

Clear Creek Campground
Clear Creek Group
Campground
Rio de las Vacas
Campground
Clear Creek Picnic Area
Los Pinos Trailhead
Palomas Trailhead

San Gregorio Trailhead

Jemez Ranger District:

Jemez Falls Campground
San Antonio Campground
Vista Linda Campground
Battleship Picnic Area
Jemez Falls Day Use
Las Conchas Picnic Area
Spanish Queen Picnic Area
Battleship Trailhead
East Fork Trailhead
Jemez Falls Trailhead
Las Conchas Trailhead
Spence Hot Springs
Glorieta Picnic Area

Pecos/Las Vegas District:

El Porvenir Campground
Field Tract Campground
Holy Ghost Campground
Holy Ghost Group
Campground
Iron Gate Campground

Jacks Creek Campground

Jacks Creek Group
Campground
Jacks Creek Horse Camping
Panchuela Campground
Cowles Trailhead
Holy Ghost Trailhead
Iron Gate Trailhead
Jacks Creek Trailhead
Panchuela Trailhead

Espanola Ranger District:

Aspen Basin Campground
Big Tesuque Campground
Black Canyon Campground
Aspen Vista Picnic Area
Bear Wallow Trailhead
Black Canyon Trailhead
Caja Trailhead
Chamisa Trailhead
Winsor Trailhead
Vista Grande Overlook
Poshouinge Interpretive Site

